

BMR Module 5

Do the questions in MELTABRIC raise issues about integrity?

When reflecting and evaluating information using MELTABRIC, the critical thinker will be analysing the integrity of the information and also will need to use their own integrity throughout the process.

The critical thinker will be analysing the information in terms of: the evidence, the language used, the bias, the credibility of the author and the consequences if this information is believed.

In making judgments about the information it is essential that the critical thinker has been honest and open and responsible because these judgments will be value judgments. The critical thinker will be deciding 'What is important?', 'Is it valid?', 'What do I believe now?' and 'How shall I act on this information?'

What is the relationship between critical thinking and integrity?

Critical thinking is the ability to think using reason, acknowledging the influence of bias and assumption, remaining open to alternatives, and using judgment to recognise the relevance, the extent and the merit of the evidence.

Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

Integrity is crucial to the ability to think critically because otherwise the thinker will not recognise when they are only viewing the problem from their perspective, when they are excluding or not searching for relevant facts and when their personal goal creates a barrier to the solution.